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National FOIA Office U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2310A) Washington, DC 20460

RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request

Our File No.: 112389-237907

Dear Freedom of Information Officer:

This letter is submitted pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, and requests the following records in the custody, control or possession of the Environmental Protection Agency:

- 1. Any and all documents that concern, refer, or relate in any way to any investigation and inspection of SVEC from 2015 to present by the Environmental Protection Agency, including but not limited to notes, photographs, test results, or any other record of the investigation or inspection, findings of the investigation and inspection, and recommendations issued based upon the findings.
- 2. Any and all documents that concern, refer, or relate in any way to any communications of any member, agent, employee contractor or any other person affiliated with the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the investigation and inspection of SVEC from 2015 to present, specifically including but not limited to communications, meeting notes, or proposals.
- 3. Any and all communications with the law firm of Friedman Rubin or any of its attorneys, representative or employees regarding any environmental condition at SVEC or any investigation or inspection of SVEC from 2015 to present.

For purposes of this request:

The phrase/word "Sky Valley Education Center" or "SVEC" shall mean the buildings housing the Sky Valley Education Center, or any of its predecessor schools, including, but not limited to, Monroe Middle School, Monroe Junior High and Monroe High School located at 351 Short Columbia Street, Monroe, Washington 98272.

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The terms "and" and "or" are used herein as terms of inclusion and not of exclusion and shall have both conjunctive and disjunctive meanings, and the words "any" and "all" mean each and every.

The term "documents" shall mean any and all public records as defined under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, et seq.), including, without limitation, reports, records, drafts, letters, memoranda, notes, communications, inspection reports, logs, tables, spreadsheets, books, photographs, electronic files, emails, facsimiles, diagrams, documents, and every other means of recording upon any tangible thing any form of communication or representation.

The terms "relating to" or "concerning" mean in whole or in part to discuss, describe, reflect, memorialize, contain, analyze, study, report on, comment on, evidence, constitute, embody, identify, state, consider, recommend, set forth, concern, address, deal with or any way pertain to.

If, for any reason, you decide to withhold or otherwise redact information contained in your file relating to the public records described above on the basis of privilege, please provide a statement describing the nature of any such material and the basis for any such decision, citing the legal authorities on which you rely.

As required under FOIA please reply to this request promptly, no later than twenty (20) business days from today. We hereby agree to pay copying costs and other reasonable costs necessary for the above requested documents up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00). In the event such fees may be in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), please contact me prior to incurring any costs. In the alternative, we are amendable to electronic disclosure of the records requested to the extent that such disclosure is more convenient and may be made in a more expeditious fashion. To the extent that certain categories of requested documents are available before others, we ask that you please provide such documents on a rolling basis.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact me. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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